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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
- Verified English translations of Japanese priority document Nos. 2002-247338 and 2003-25496.
- A Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and references cited.
- No additional fee is required.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated September 22, 2004, which set forth a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 22, 2004. Submitted with the present Response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby increasing the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action to January 24, 2005 (January 22) being a Saturday), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

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